

Provisional Vital Statistics for January 2011

Live births decreased slightly in January, as 6,073 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,176 one year earlier. Cumulative births for the 12 months ending with January, decreased by 3.3 percent from 78,798 to 76,221.

Deaths increased in January as 5,096 Missourians died compared with 4,884 in January 2010. Cumulative deaths for the 12 months ending with January increased by 1.1 percent from 53,933 to 54,511.

The **Natural increase** in January was 977 (6,073 births minus 5,096 deaths). For the 12 months ending with January, the natural increased declined from 24,865 to 21,710.

Marriages increased slightly in January, and for the 12 months ending with January.

Dissolutions of marriage decreased slightly in January, but increased by 3.8 percent for the 12 months ending with January. The marriage to divorce ratio decreased from 1.72 to 1.67 for this same cumulative time period.

Infant deaths decreased for the 12 months ending with January, as the infant death rate decreased from 7.1 to 6.6 per 1,000 live births.

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Item	January				12 months ending with January								Provisional 2010	
	Number		Rate*		Number				Rate*					
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011	Number	Rate	
Live Births	6,176	6,073	12.1	11.9	80,461	78,798	76,221	13.9	13.6	13.2	12.7	76,324	12.7	
Deaths	4,884	5,096	9.6	10.0	56,006	53,933	54,511	9.2	9.5	9.0	9.1	54,299	9.1	
Natural increase ...1,292	977	2.5	1.9		24,455	24,865	21,710	4.7	4.1	4.2	3.6	22,025	3.7	
Marriages	1,589	1,615	3.1	3.2	40,313	38,652	39,024	6.9	6.8	6.5	6.5	38,998	6.5	
Dissolutions ... 1,708	1,667	3.4	3.3		22,000	22,459	23,308	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.9	23,349	3.9	
Infant deaths	44	49	7.1	8.1	574	556	501	7.5	7.1	7.1	6.6	496	6.5	
Population base.....	....	....	5,989	6,025	....	....	....	5,885	5,924	5,963	5,992	....	5,988	
(in thousands)														

* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1000 live births. Beginning with provisional July 2006 data numbers and rates are based on month of event rather than month of report. This will result in a delay in reporting, but will more accurately reflect current trends.

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